

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) Assembly ~~consisting~~ of a hand-held powered tool and an attachment,

the attachment comprising:

a loop ~~designed~~ configured to be threaded on to a belt of an operator, and provided with

a catch finger for the tool, and
a locking element;

the tool being ~~designed~~ configured to hook on to the finger in [[the]] an operating position and then before being able to swing under its own weight into a locked position in which the locking element prevents the tool means prevent it from becoming unhooked from the finger.

11. (currently amended) Assembly according to claim 10, wherein in which the locking element is means are provided on the catch finger.

12. (currently amended) Assembly according to claim 11, wherein in which the catch finger comprises an end passable ~~designed to be passed~~ through an opening of an associated elongated shape in a handle provided in the handle of the tool.

13. (currently amended) Assembly according to claim 12, wherein in which the end to be passed through the opening provides

the catch finger further defines a groove for receiving the handle of the tool, and
said end of the catch finger defines the locking element of the elongated shape forms the means for locking the hooked tool in the locked position in which it is swung under its own weight.

14. (currently amended) Assembly according to claim 12, wherein in which the end of the catch finger comprises an end portion of the elongated shape and being pivotable mounted to be pivoted into the position for locking the hooked tool in the operating position in case the tool should swing from the locked position in which it is swung under its own weight in the opposite direction into the operating position as [[the]] a result of an unexpected movement by the operator.

15. (currently amended) Attachment, comprising: a loop designed to be threaded on to a belt and provided with

an anchoring base attachable to a wearing article of an operator of a hand-held tool;
a catch finger extending from the anchoring base for hooking the [[a]] tool, the catch finger including an end having an elongated cross-section;

wherein said end is passable through an associated opening of the tool, when the tool is in a first position, for permitting the tool to be hooked onto the catch finger; and

wherein said end is impassable through the associated opening of the tool when the tool is in a second position after swinging down by gravity from the first position, thereby said end locking means preventing the tool from becoming unhooked from the catch finger.

16. **(currently amended)** Attachment according to claim 15, wherein in which the catch finger comprises a groove for receiving the tool portion between the anchoring base and said end for hooking the tool thereon after said end has passed through the opening of the tool in the first position.

17. **(currently amended)** Attachment according to claim 16, wherein in which the receiving groove is formed by an end portion for passing through the opening and for locking has a cross-section smaller than that of said end of the catch finger.

18. **(currently amended)** Attachment according to claim 17, wherein in which the end portion comprises first and second sections both of which are elongated in cross-section and passable through the opening of the tool; and the first section is pivotable relative to the second section two small cylinders, an external end cylinder being designed to pivot relative to an internal end cylinder in order to lock the hooked tool in the first and second two respective operating and swung positions, respectively.

19. **(new)** Attachment according to claim 18, wherein the second section is positioned between the first section and the groove portion.

20. **(new)** Assembly according to claim 10, wherein the tool is a powered fastening tool for driving plugs into a substrate material.

21. **(new)** Assembly of a hand-held tool and an attachment, the attachment comprising:
an anchoring base attachable to a wearing article of an operator of the tool;
a catch finger extending from the anchoring base for hooking the tool, the catch finger including an end having an elongated cross-section;

the tool having an elongated opening through which said end of the catch finger is passable, when the tool is in a first position, for permitting the tool to be hooked onto the catch finger;

wherein said end is impassable through the opening of the tool when the tool is in a second position after swinging down by gravity from the first position, thereby said end preventing the tool from becoming unhooked from the catch finger.

22. (new) Assembly according to claim 21, wherein the catch finger comprises a groove portion between the anchoring base and said end for hooking the tool thereon after said end has passed through the opening of the tool in the first position.

23. (new) Assembly according to claim 22, wherein the groove portion has a cross-section smaller than that of said end of the catch finger.

24. (new) Assembly according to claim 21, wherein
the end comprises first and second sections both of which are elongated in cross-section;
the first section is pivotable relative to the second section between a first state and a second state;

when said first section is in the first state and the tool is in the first position, both said first and second sections are passable through the opening of the tool to permit the tool to hook onto or be unhooked from the catch finger;

when the hooked tool is in the second position, the second section is impassable through the opening of the hooked tool to preventing the hooked tool from becoming unhooked from the catch finger; and

when the hooked tool is in the first position and said first section is in the second state, the first section is impassable through the opening of the hooked tool to preventing the hooked tool from becoming unhooked from the catch finger.

25. **(new)** Assembly according to claim 24, wherein the second section is positioned between the first section and the groove portion.
26. **(new)** Assembly according to claim 24, wherein the first section is pivotable between the first state and the second state in less than 180 degrees.
27. **(new)** Assembly according to claim 24, wherein the first section is pivotable between the first state and the second state in about 90 degrees.
28. **(new)** Assembly according to claim 21, wherein the tool is a powered fastening tool for driving plugs into a substrate material.